

REMARKS

Claims 1-37 are canceled. Claims 38-55 are added and now active in this application.

All of the above amendments are fully supported by the claims and disclosure as originally filed.

None of the cited references of record either discloses or suggests the claimed composition.

Notably, the composition of claim 38 provides:

- 1) a "one tank" solution versus two or more tanks, for various components. The latter is standard in the fertilizer business. For example, it is conventional to use one tank for calcium compatible chemicals (including nitrates) and the other are for sulfate compatible chemicals (including phosphates).
- 2) a multitude of complete and compatible essential macro and micro nutrients in one solution;
- 3) a "multitude" of complete micro and macro formulations without the use of expensive and/or phytotoxic chelating agents, such as glucoheptonates, amino acids, citric acids, EDTA, etc. Chelates such as EDTA and DTPA are known to exchange for example Fe for Ca and thus are considered phytotoxic.
- 4) a "multitude" of complete micro and macro formulations that have smaller molecular size than metallic chelates, resulting in faster and more effective plant uptake in the pores of leaves.
- 5) plant promoting amounts that are less than required in traditional fertilizer systems due to better compatibility between phosphate and nitrates and metallic sulfamate and resulting in less fertilizer run off.
- 6) a multitude of macro- and micro-derived salts of sulfamic acid that are more than twice as soluble than sulfates.
- 7) a multitude of complete formulations with metallic sulfamates that are not degradable by light exposure (as opposed to metallic EDTA/DTPA), making it easier to store and use during foliar application, including under stray sunlight; and
- 8) a multitude of complete formulation with metallic sulfamates that are less sensitive than salts of sulfates to precipitation in water with calcium carbonate, a problem often found in alkaline soil.

Clearly, the presently claimed composition is both novel and unobvious over the prior art of record.

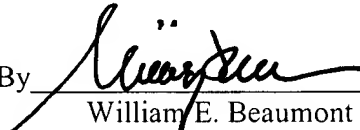
Favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Applicants hereby petition for the Commissioner to charge any additional fees or any underpayment of fees which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-1061.

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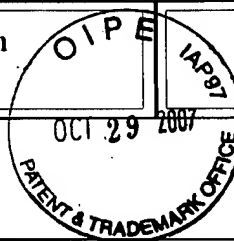
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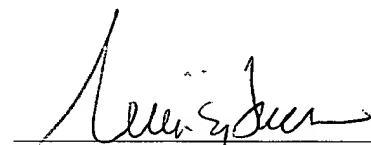
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